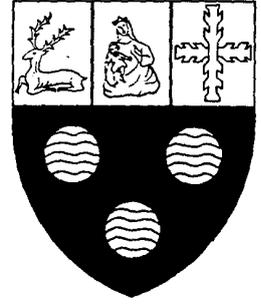


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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



SUNG EUCHARIST

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 26 May 2022

7.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster

Ascension Day

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ. On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (this year on Sunday 5 June) completes and crowns the Easter Festival.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.



Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

We have now resumed the practice of taking the collection during the Offertory Hymn at some of our services, including today. However, donations in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral by other means are equally welcome. Envelopes and cash may also be deposited in the donation box near each entrance, or donations by card can be made using the contactless donation station. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org/donate. Please give generously.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. There is an additional communion station near the font, where Communion will be offered in one kind (bread) only, for those who are more comfortable in receiving standing.

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The organ is played by Michael D'Avanzo, *Organ Scholar*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Communion Service in E* by Harold Darke (1888-1976).

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel for a short period. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.



Following the service, all are warmly invited to stay for drinks in the Crossing, kindly provided by the Southwell Minster Choir Association. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of SMCA.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

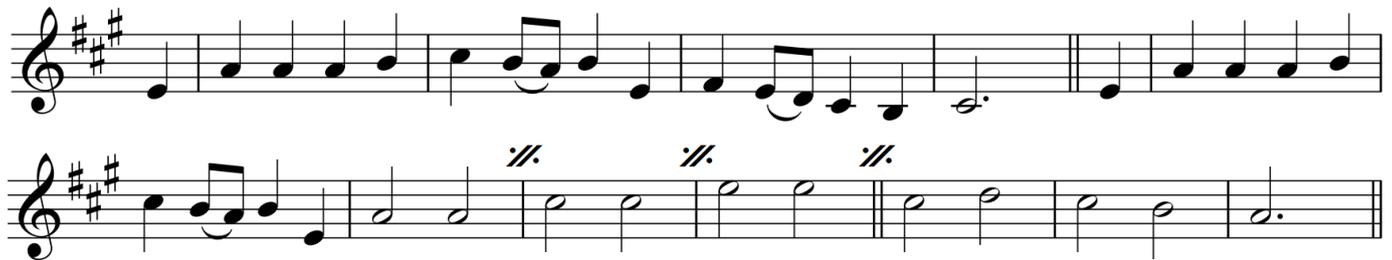
St Magnus – Prelude

Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

THE GATHERING

Please stand

HYMN



**1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**5. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**6. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**7. Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.**

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al.

*Tune: MILES LANE NEH 332
William Shrubsole (1760-1806)*

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The President introduces the service and says:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us prepare to meet with him this evening in word and sacrament.

ACT OF PENITENCE

President God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Deacon Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive
and bringing gifts for all people.
As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven
let us call to mind our many failures and sins.

Silence is kept.

President We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

VIDI AQUAM is sung by all during which the President sprinkles the congregation with the waters of baptism as a reminder of our baptism.

Cantor I saw water

All

flow-ing from the right_ side_ of the tem - ple, al - le - lu - ia:
it brought God's life and his sal - va - tion, and the peo - ple sang in joy - ful praise,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

All

I saw wa - ter flow-ing from the right_ side_ of the tem - ple,
al - le - lu - ia: it brought God's life and his sal - va - tion,
and the peo - ple sang in joy - ful praise, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia.

ABSOLUTION

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Thelma Clark*

Acts 1: 1–11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Choir Sing praises to God, the king of all the earth.

All **Sing praises to God, the king of all the earth.**

Choir Clap your hands together, all you peoples;

O sing to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;

he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdued the peoples under us

and the nations under our feet.

He has chosen our heritage for us,

the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

All **Sing praises to God, the king of all the earth.**

Choir God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;

God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

All **Sing praises to God, the king of all the earth.**

Choir The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the powers of the earth belong to God

and he is very highly exalted.

All **Sing praises to God, the king of all the earth.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu- ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music: Mode vi

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Canon Theologian*

Please stand

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Please sit or kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The following response is used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.'
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken and the table is prepared for Communion*



1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Tune: *DIADEMATA* NEH 352
George Elvey (1816-93)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Let us pray.

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you and also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

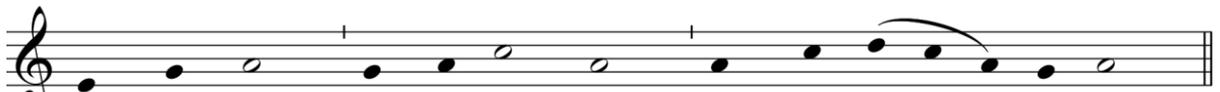
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All 
Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
**Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION MOTET sung by the choir

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Words: Psalm 24: 7-10

Music: William Mathias (1934-92)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

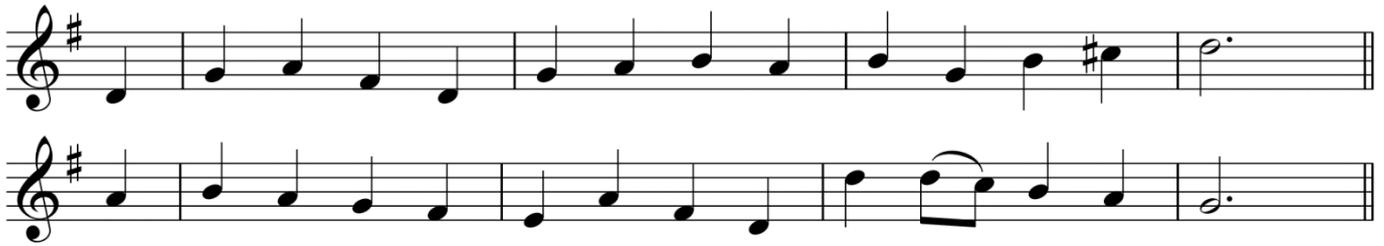
THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN



The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the Cross, with all its shame
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Tune: ST MAGNUS NEH 134
Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne
(from *L'Ascension*)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

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